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Sent: 8/17/2020 10:23:30 PM
To: Chu, Rebecca [Chu.Rebecca@epa.gov]; Opalski, Dan [Opalski.Dan@epa.gov]; Baca, Andrew [Baca.Andrew@epa.gov]; Szelag, Matthew [Szelag.Matthew@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: FEIS letter
Attachments: Pebble FEIS Comments Draft for Review 081720 cb-mr_owow_r10.docx

Rebecca-

Attached is the letter with OFA and OW comments. I summarized OGC comments in my comment bubbles. I added my input in some areas where compromise was needed due to conflicting comments and in a few areas where changes were more than tonal.

You can decide whether to forward this on or not. For example, you could forward to Cindy to start a discussion of whether OFA is comfortable with how we propose to resolve comments at this point. I don't want to make any actual changes until we have input from senior leadership, but this gives you an idea of where we are at now.

Patty

From: Chu, Rebecca <Chu.Rebecca@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:47 PM
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Thanks Dan. I'll draft the email to Chris now.

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This seems like the appropriate outcome at this point.

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I spoke with Cindy and let her know where we are at right now: we have edits from OW and OFA, and that OGC was not comfortable at this point on signing off on the revisions.

Given all of this, Cindy agreed that we are not going to be able to submit proposed tonal revisions to Chris in a timely manner before tomorrow's call.

As follow up: I can send an email to Chris, cc'ing this group, and let them know that we were not able to get revisions together in time. We appreciate the work of OFA in helping craft the tone and continue to refine it so that it is appropriate, and the programs are coordinating on edits to find ways to ensure that the tone is consistent with our NEPA letters. That up-front coordination that's underway will be helpful so that as we get the feedback from the senior leadership, we can revise the letter and get it prepared for Chris' signature.

Please let me know if there are concerns with this plan by 3:15 PM.

Thanks

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That would be helpful. Part of the issue is that OGC and OW really pushed back on some of her changes. I can find a middle ground, but it will take a while.

I am happy to participate in a call with you and Cindy if that would help.

Patty

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I don't think we have time at this point to try and do this, Patty. Let me talk with Cindy as a follow up.

From: McGrath, Patricia <mcgrath.patricia@epa.gov>
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Hi Rebecca and Dan –

Due to the request from OFA to OGC and OW to review, I now have 2 separate versions of the letter. One with OFA & OW input and a separate one with OFA & OGC input. Some of OFA's recommendations are more than just tonal.

I can try to combine the two letters, but will have a very messy track changes document with edits from OFA, OGC, OW, and R10. It is not clear how this will be helpful to the process. Because of the numerous edits and separate letters, it will take me about an hour to combine and sort through. Just giving you a heads up on timing and to expect a messy letter full of track changes.

I will keep working on this unless I hear otherwise, but it would have been better to follow the schedule and wait for senior leadership input before revising.

Patty

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